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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA

FOR LORD FROM VELIOTES

1. YOU WILL RECALL BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WE HAD PRIOR YOUR DEPARTURE RE PROBLEM OVER PROPOSED ARTICLE 136 OF LOS SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT. PROBLEM IN ALL ITS DIMINSIONS IS AS SERIOUS AS YOU SUGGESTED.
2. AT WHITE HOUSE REQUEST, DEPARTMENT IS CHAIRING INTER-AGENCY MEETING TOMORROW, NOON, MONDAY, APRIL 26 TO REVIEW PROBLEMS POSED BY ARTICLE 136. OUR GOAL IS TO OBTAIN CONCURRENCE ON ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE OFFERED LATER IN WEEK IN COMMITTEE II.
3. REGRET THERE IS CHANCE WE MAY REQUIRE INPUT FROM SECRETARY ON SHORT NOTICE. WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE AFTER MEETING TOMORROW. TO BE ON SAFE SIDE,
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HOWEVER, WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU ON CONTINGENCY BASIS

FOLLOWING FOR BACKGROUND:

A. SPRINGSTEEN TO SCOWCROFT MEMO OF APRIL 25.

B. USUN 1742, OUR DELEGATION'S ANALYSIS OF SITUATION
AND OPTIONS.

C. USUN 1743, OUR DELEGATION'S MID-SESSION ASSESSMENT.

4. IF WE FIND SECRETARY'S INTERVENTION IS REQUIRED, WE
WILL SEND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL CABLE FOR HIS CONSIDERA-
TION. (WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO SEND A SHORT "ALL IS WELL",
BUT CANNOT BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC AT THIS POINT.)

5. HOPE TRIP CONTINUES TO GO WELL. GOOD MEDIA COVERAGE
TO DATE. EAGLEBURGER

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